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On page 19, line 16, increase the amount by \$2,300,000,000.

On page 19, line 19, increase the amount by \$3,100,000,000.

On page 19, line 20, increase the amount by \$3,100,000,000.

On page 19, line 23, increase the amount by \$4,600,000,000.

On page 19, line 24, increase the amount by \$4,600,000,000.

On page 29, line 3, increase the amount by \$100,000,000.

On page 29, line 4, decrease the amount by \$11,200,000,000.

KENNEDY (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2963

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 101, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

(a) FINDINGS.—

The Senate finds that:

(1) Federally-funded research and development and science and technology programs have led to innovations that have dramatically improved the quality of life for all Americans.

(2) The Federal investment in research and development conducted or underwritten by both military and civilian agencies has produced benefits that have been felt in both the private and public sector.

(3) The National Science Foundation is the largest supporter of non-medical basic research in the Federal Government.

(4) In 1990, the Department of Defense supported 44% of all university-based engineering research, by 1999 such support is estimated to have declined by 43%.

(5) The Department of Energy leads the federal government in supporting research in the physical sciences.

(6) Technical innovation is the principal driving force behind the long-term economic growth and increased standards of living of the world's modern industrial societies. Other nations are well aware of the pivotal role of science, engineering, and technology, and they are seeking to exploit it wherever possible to advance their own global competitiveness.

(7) Discoveries across the spectrum of scientific inquiry have the potential to raise the standard of living and the quality of life for all Americans, and as such federal investments in research and technology should be balanced across all disciplines, including but not limited to the physical sciences and engineering, life sciences, biomedical research, and information technology.

(8) The Senate has in past legislation expressed its commitment to continued investments to both civilian and defense science and technology, namely in the Federal Research Investment Act of 1999 and the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

(9) A continued trend of funding appropriations equal to or lower than current budgetary levels will lead to permanent damage to the United States research infrastructure, high technology economy, and national security.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—

It is the Sense of the Senate that:

(1) Total federal investment in civilian research be at a minimum consistent with the levels called for in the FY01 Administration Budget Request, as this investment manifests the Senate's belief that the Federal government should have a robust program of research across all disciplines of scientific endeavor.

(2) For fiscal years 2001–2008, the science and technology (6.1, 6.2 and 6.3) accounts for the Department of Defense, including all of the Armed Services, in Function 050 (National Defense), shall increase annually and at a minimum achieve the levels called for in Section 214 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

(3) Congressional authorizers and appropriators should continue their efforts to support merit-based and peer-reviewed R&D programs as a priority in the federal science investment portfolio.

REED (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2964

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. L. CHAFEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the concurrent resolution, (S. Con. Res. 101), *supra*; as follows:

At the end of title III, insert the following:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE NEED TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

(1) On average, 12 children die from gun fire everyday in America.

(2) On May 20, 1999, the Senate passed the Violent and Repeat Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act, by a vote of 73 to 25, in part, to stem gun-related violence in the United States.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in function 750 of this resolution assume that Congress should—

(1) pass the conference report to accompany H.R. 1501, the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act, including Senate-passed provisions, with the purpose of limiting access to firearms by juveniles, convicted felons, and other persons prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing firearms; and

(2) consider H.R. 1501 not later than April 20, 2000.

ROBB (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2965

Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRAHAM) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 101, *supra*; as follows:

On page 4, line 4, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 4, line 5, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 4, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 4, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 4, line 13, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 4, line 14, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 4, line 15, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 4, line 22, increase the amount by \$1,300,000,000.

On page 4, line 23, increase the amount by \$1,322,100,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,344,600,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,367,400,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$1,390,700,000.

On page 5, line 7, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 5, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 5, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 5, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 18, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,300,000,000.

On page 18, line 8, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 18, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,322,100,000.

On page 18, line 12, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 18, line 15, increase the amount by \$1,344,600,000.

On page 18, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 18, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,367,400,000.

On page 18, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 18, line 23, increase the amount by \$1,390,700,000.

On page 18, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 29, line 3, decrease the amount by \$97,000,000.

On page 29, line 4, decrease the amount by \$5,938,100,000.

On page 29, after line 5, insert the following:

“Not later than September 29, 2000, the Senate Committee on Finance shall report to the Senate a reconciliation bill proposing changes in laws within its jurisdiction necessary to reduce revenues by not more than \$19,000,000 in fiscal year 2001 and \$1,743,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2001 through 2005.”

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on April 6, 2000 in SR-328A at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss interstate shipment of state inspected meat.